

Week Ending July 13, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending July 13, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were planting soybeans and harvesting wheat. Some cotton and corn fields were plowed up and replanted to soybeans. Soil moisture conditions were rated 4 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 41 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	75	70	94	90					
	Dough	50	32	67	56	1	7	21	62	9
	Dent	18	10	31	19					
Cotton	Squaring	85	70	99	96					
	Setting Bolls	45	23	74	50	1	7	35	47	9
Rice	Heading	23	15	19	16	0	3	23	68	6
Sorghum	Heading	65	47	68	55	0	2	21	72	5
Soybeans	Planted	95	91	100	98					
	Emerged	90	87	100	95	0	5	22	60	13
	Blooming	39	37	68	35					
Wheat	Harvested	97	95	100	98	---	---	---	---	---
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	93	85	95	98	0	0	2	98	0
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	60	55	63	64	2	9	35	43	11
Peaches	Harvested	50	47	77	66	0	1	16	58	25
Blueberries						0	6	17	59	18
Peanuts						0	0	21	61	18
Cattle						1	1	19	62	17
Pasture						1	4	19	60	16

### County Agent Comments

"Most crops have had post emergence chemicals applied. Insect pressure is light, but sheath blight is showing up in rice fields."

— Don Respess, Bolivar County

"Drier conditions were welcomed over the past two weeks. Cotton insect pressure is light, and cotton growth has improved."

— Steve Richardson, Tate County

"Several acres of corn have been replanted to soybeans. Cotton in some areas is beginning to look better; however, the biggest portion of the acreage in cotton just started squaring."

— Ricky Ferguson, Pontotoc County

"Seventy-two percent of the cotton has been plowed up and planted to soybeans. Fields need plowing for weed control and aeration. Soybean planting is 70 percent completed with good emergence. Hay harvesting is progressing as fast as possible. Corn has recovered with much better potential than two weeks ago."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Cattle and pastures are in good condition. Hay harvest has been plagued by scattered rains on a daily basis. Very little hay has been put up without being rained on. Much of the first cutting is yet to be harvested."

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

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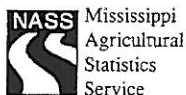
# Weather Summary from July 7, 1997 to July 13, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale													
Cleveland	94	69	82			0.36		3	4.00				
Tunica						0.33	-0.41	2	6.69				
Extreme/Average	94	69	82			0.35	-0.39	3	5.35				
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	94	66	79	79	0	0.16	-1.10	2	6.24	95	78	85	0.24
Memphis	94	69	81	83	-2	1.69	+0.91	2	6.61				
Oxford	95	60	80	79	+1	0.32	-0.40	2	11.19				
Extreme/Average	95	60	80	80	-1	0.72	-0.20	2	8.01	95	78	85	0.24
3. Northeast													
Booneville	88	66	77	79	-2	0.60	-0.50	3	6.37				
Corinth	94	67	81	82	-1	0.03	-0.66	1	10.27				
Iuka	89	56	74			0.54		1	7.36				
Pontotoc	92	64	79	79	-1	2.14	+1.36	4	6.78	91	76	84	0.25
Tupelo	91	66	79	80	-1	1.53	+0.54	5	8.26				
Verona	92	67	80			0.91		3	6.22	91	75	84	0.25
Extreme/Average	94	56	78	80	-2	0.96	+0.07	3	7.54	91	75	84	0.23
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	92	68	80	82	-2	2.18	+1.31	4	4.92				
Rolling Fork													
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	93	68	82	82	0	2.27	+1.56	3	3.83				
Extreme/Average	93	68	81	82	-1	2.23	+1.44	4	4.38				
5. Central													
Carthage	92	67	73	80	-7	0.46	-0.82	3	1.88				
Jackson	94	68	81	82	-1	0.21	-0.74	1	1.64				
Winona	89	65	76	79	-2	2.18	+1.00	3	5.68				
Extreme/Average	94	65	77	80	-3	0.95	-0.19	2	3.07				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						2.61	+1.10	4	6.95	88	75	80	
Columbus	93	70	81			1.67		4	5.65				
State University	92	66	79	80	-1	0.26	-1.28	2	3.33	90	77	82	
Extreme/Average	93	66	80	80	0	0.97	-0.57	3	4.49	90	75	82	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs						0.76		3	4.03	97	79	88	
Natchez	92	68	80	82	-1	0.85	+0.07	2	3.30				
Oakley	94	66	80			0.05	-0.95	1	0.63	91	77	83	
Vicksburg	92	69	81			0.94		1	3.34				
Extreme/Average	94	66	80	82	-1	0.65	-0.24	2	2.83	97	77	86	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	93	69	81	82	-1	1.20	+0.06	3	12.39				
McComb	92	67	80	80	0	2.44	+1.30	4	9.98				
Extreme/Average	93	67	80	81	-1	1.82	+0.68	4	11.19				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	94	68	81			0.53		1	7.39	94	76	85	
Hattiesburg	93	67	81	81	-1	0.21	-1.05	3	4.67				
Laurel													
Meridian	93	68	80	81	-1	0.69	-0.70	5	5.22				
Newton	94	68	80	80	0	0.27	-1.03	2	4.16	90	76	83	0.17
Extreme/Average	94	67	80	81	0	0.43	-0.89	3	5.36	94	76	84	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	98	69	82			3.81		4	7.45				
Biloxi	93	72	81			4.41		4	12.78				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	92	69	80	82	-2	0.51	-0.75	3	7.51				
Poplarville	94	68	81	81	0	0.33	-0.85	2	5.45	101	75	86	
Extreme/Average	98	68	81	82	-1	2.27	+1.05	3	8.30	101	75	86	
State	98	66	80	81	-1	1.14	+0.08	3	6.05	101	75	84	0.20

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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